

Union Dale Meeting minutes 10/9/2025

Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order by President AnnMarie Saam

Roll Call: Ann Marie Saam, Donna Tedesco, Tom Yale, Bill Wolfe, Joe McAndrew, Teri Madrid , and Diane Gomola. Quorum confirmed.

Invited Guest: Marissa McAndrew Borough Solicitor

Guests: 27 residents of Union Dale Borough

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF UNIONDALE, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING THE VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES, INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS ON COMMERCIAL TRUCKS, PARKING, SPEED LIMITS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Open Discussion- Councilman Wolfe asked Solicitor to clarify “business” vehicles.

Discussion ensues over weight limits and commercial vehicles. Topics include adjusting up the weight limit to 13 TON. Exemptions for residents currently operating businesses with large trucks was heavily discussed.

Public comment: Several residents especially those with current businesses in the borough asked for specific clarifications. Exemptions will include those residents/business owners with large trucks as this is their livelihood and council certainly agrees these businesses will not be impacted by the ordinance. Solicitor McAndrew clarifies that UPS, FEDX, oil, water etc. deliveries will continue but these entities are still under the speed limit regulations. Large trucks for repairs or installations at residential homes is also allowed. Council decides to have Solicitor McAndrew implement some adjustments to the ordinance. Motion made by councilman Joe McAndrew to” adjust weight limit up to 13 TON. Location shall begin after the first 500 feet on the West side of Church Street intersecting state route 171. All speed limits to remain as they currently are now.” 2nd by President AnnMarie Saam. All in favor, yes votes, motion carries.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF UNIONDALE, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING DRIVEWAY PERMITS, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE; DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DRIVEWAYS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION PROCEDURES, FEES, AND PENALTIES.

Open Discussion- Council asks who will review plans- Bob Bates our Permit officer and or a civil engineer, the borough will need to hire. These individuals can make up our review committee and should include a council member. Solicitor McAndrew suggests at our next

regular meeting the council consider an engineer who has driveway permitting experience be appointed. Suggestion also to pass a resolution outlining the driveway permit fees.

Public comment: Many voiced concerns about not denying current local business owners with large trucks, access, and delivery trucks access to our streets. Several residents are concerned about the damage from commercial vehicles and the cost to the taxpayers for road maintenance. Council states it has no intention of denying access that current business owners already have, but that safety of the roadways is a priority. Driveways improperly permitted cause draining issues leading to flooding as well as ice buildup in winter. Solicitor McAndrew clarifies residential VS commercial driveways, application and review process. There is only 1 residential driveway permitted, This ordinance is for new construction. If for any reason a resident or business needs a second driveway they can come to council to ask for an accommodation. The solicitor expressed that council should consider in the future having a zoning committee. Right now, Union Dale is subject to county zoning/planning rules known as SALDO. Any inquiries received by the borough for driveways or other building plans are referred to Susquehanna County in Montrose. A resident states she has heard rumor of a commercial subdivision coming to Union Dale. Council advised her that at this time Union Dale has not received any notices from Susquehanna County.

Motion is made by Councilman McAndrew to adopt the driveway and street excavation ordinance as written." Seconded by Councilman Yale. All in favor ,yes votes. Motion carries.

Minutes from the previous meeting: reviewed, approved, sealed into minute book. VP Tedesco motions "to adopt last months minutes" Second by Joe. All in favor – yes votes. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

- Invoice Thompson Twp
- Invoice Bob Bates
- Invoice FC News
- Pipeline notifications
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Receipts:

- Berkheimer- (x2 \$910.31)
- Susq County Delinquent tax \$116.97
- Foreign Fire Grant PA Comm \$1,634.15
- Susq Cnty transfer Tax \$2,327.50
- PA Comm Liquor license \$150.00
- North East Outdoor Services (building permit) \$292.50
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Treasurer's report:

- General Fund \$ 106,335.05
- General Fund MM \$56,053.66 (9/30 interest \$ 37.83)
- Liquid Fuels Checking: \$14,383.99

- Liquid Fuels MM: \$4,926.91 (9/30 interest \$2.54)
- Act 13 account: \$ 8,180.13 (9/30 interest \$4.22)
- Sewer CD \$56,019.50
- HNB CD \$102,787.94
- Edward Jones- \$119,000.00

Bills:

- PPL auto pay \$674.64
 - PPL auto pay \$29.36
 - DEBIT DCED Q-3 UCC fee \$4.50
 - #1738 Susq County Area on Aging Donation \$100.00
 - #1739 Ann Marie Saam Q3 Council wage \$79.45
 - #1740 Joseph McAndrew Q3 Council wage \$79.45
 - #1741 Donna Tedesco Q3 council wage \$79.45
 - #1742 Tom Yale Q3 council wage \$79.45
 - #1743 Bill Wolfe Q3council wage \$79.45
 - #1744 Teri Madrid Q3 mayor wage \$79.45
 - #1745 Forest City News \$197.25
 - #1746 Bob Bates Inspections \$240.00
 - #1747 Thompson Township \$1,650.00
 - #1748 Union Dale Volunteer Fire Dept \$1,634.15
 - #1749 Diane Gomola Secretary wage \$577.47
 - EFT US Treasury Q3 941 deposit \$501.04
 - EFT Q3 PA WTH \$76.43
 - EFT Q3 Berkheimer local tax \$24.90
 - EFT Q3 PA UC \$1.37
- Motion to pay bills made by Joe, Second by Ann Marie, All in favor, yes votes, motion carried.

Committee reports: none

Unfinished business:

- Roadside weed grass control- no estimates were received. President Saam contacted Thomson Twp. Thompson quoted \$125.00/ hour. Motion to hire Thompson Twp for weed control “made by AnnMarie, second by Donna. All in favor yes votes. Motion carried.
- Open sealed snowplow BIDS- Only 1 sealed BID received. Mikloiche Timber & Const.
- Motion made by Donna to “accept the BID from Mikloiche for the 25-26 season” Second by Joe, all in favor yes votes. Motion carried.
- Budget review Part 2

New Business:

- Secretary took Municipal Budget Webinar- PP presentation for council to watch
- QuickBooks renewal review

- Hazard Mitigation update form for Tom to complete for PEMA
- RTK- review request
- Renew CD rates
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Public comment- resident wonders if our nuisance ordinance can't be used more often. Another resident states there is a plugged ditch. Advised, the weed control will address this . Another resident asks if we could pass some type of ordinance that keeps Union Dale rural / ag /residential only? or perhaps have the borough listed under historical landmarks? Solicitor McAndrew said she will look into these suggestions.

Adjournment:

“Motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM” made by Joe, second by Donna. All in favor yes votes. Motion carries.

NEXT MEETING

Monday November 3,2025

6:30 PM